



**NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN COMMUNITIES**  
**ALIANZA NACIONAL DE COMUNIDADES LATINO AMERICANAS Y CARIBEÑAS**

June 9, 2008

The Honorable Robert C. Byrd  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-131, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
S-146A, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Wayne Allard  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
125 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Byrd and Feinstein and Ranking Members Cochran and Allard:

On behalf of National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC), the leading network of Latino immigrant-led organizations in the nation, I write to request your support in fully funding the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino Act at \$2.1 million in Fiscal Year 2009. The Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (S. 2739) included this legislation, which was signed into law by the President on May 8, 2008.

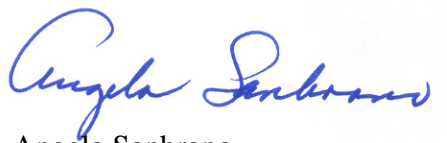
The contributions by Latinos, both US-born and immigrants, span centuries and economic sectors but many people seem to be unaware of the role that Americans of Latino descent played, and continue to play, in the building of this great nation. Now that there are more than 45.5 million Americans of Hispanic descent in this country, there is a stronger interest in ensuring that America's national museums and our country's laws portray an inclusive picture of the nation and its people.

The importance of proper representation of Latinos and their contributions in our nation's foremost cultural institutions cannot be underestimated. Museums in our nation's capital should reflect the history, culture, and achievements of the people of the United States, and a Latino Museum may be just that one place where young people throughout the country and the world can do that.

When any of us travel to Americans travel to Washington, DC, we expect the museums, monuments, and national parks to reflect the complete American experience. Your support in

providing the resources necessary for the Commission to do its work would be a major step toward ensuring that every American has the opportunity to learn the full history of our nation. On behalf of a culturally-rich community, we urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Angela Sanbrano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angela" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Sanbrano".

Angela Sanbrano  
President

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